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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2008.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 25th meeting, on 2 November 2007 (see A/C.1/62/PV.25).

3. At the 25th meeting, the Chairman made a statement and introduced the proposed programme of work.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its proposed programme of work and timetable for 2008, annexed to the present report.

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2008

The General Assembly approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2008, as contained in the annex to the report of the First Committee.

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Annex

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2008

Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 2 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a]	Monday, 6 October to Tuesday, 14 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Tuesday, 7 October at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Wednesday, 15 October to Monday, 27 October	10
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports		
(b) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials		
(c) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts[b]		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Friday, 17 October at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 28 October to Tuesday, 4 November	6

[a] A rolling list of speakers would be opened one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of ten minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed fifteen minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[b] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
29 September-3 October	29 September	30 September Holiday	1 October	2 October Afternoon	3 October
6-10 October	6 October Morning	7 October Morning	8 October Morning	9 October Morning	10 October Morning
13-17 October	13 October Afternoon	14 October Afternoon	15 October Afternoon	16 October Afternoon	17 October Afternoon
20-24 October	20 October Morning	21 October Morning and afternoon	22 October Morning	23 October Morning	24 October Afternoon
27-31 October	27 October Afternoon	28 October Afternoon	29 October Afternoon	30 October Afternoon	31 October Afternoon
3-7 November	3 November Morning	4 November Morning	5 November	6 November	7 November

The Committee will exercise flexibility in scheduling meetings during the last two weeks of the session, without prejudice to decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.